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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being made after the initial filing of the above-identified application, but prior to the issuance of any Official Action on the merits of this Application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

36. An optical element comprising:

a polymeric optical lens injection molded without any ophthalmic power having a concave surface and a convex surface, and

a laminate bonded to the injection molded, polymeric optical element, the laminate comprising, in the following order:

- a) a first resinous layer,
- b) a functional layer selected from the group consisting of a light polarizing layer and a photochromic layer, and
- c) a second resinous layer,